

# Wanted

## Black Sea Bass Tags

### Reward for Return of Orange and Red Tags



In September 2002, the National Marine Fisheries Service, in cooperation with state fisheries agencies and the recreational and commercial fishing communities, tagged and released several thousand black sea bass in waters off Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The tagging project will help biologists determine abundance, exploitation, migration and growth of sea bass populations.

Tags from this project are thin orange or red tubes, 3 1/2" long and extending from the right side of the abdomen (right while facing the fishes head). The tags have a tag number and a telephone number. Fishermen are asked to remove the tag, call (508) 495-2000 and provide the following information:

Tag number  
Date of capture  
Length of fish (as accurately as possible)  
Location of recapture (lat/lon or loran C if possible)  
Gear type (hook and line, etc.)  
Whether fish kept or released  
Fishermen's name, address and telephone number

Fishermen reporting orange tags will be rewarded with a specially designed embroidered baseball cap. A monetary reward will be provided for reports of red tags.

If tag is encrusted with algae or other marine growth, please do not to scrape the tag as that may remove the printed information. Gentle rubbing should be sufficient to remove growth.

